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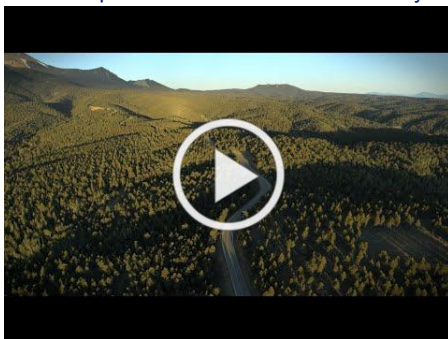
Pikes Peak Summit Complex Newsletter June 2021

Pikes Peak - America's Mountain "Road to Sustainability" explores the "Place", "Water" and "Energy"



["Road to Sustainability" Introduction - VIDEO](#)

There are seven performance areas, or petals, of Living Building Challenge (LBC), the world's most progressive environmental performance standard. The seven elements are integrated into the design and operation of the new Pike Peak Summit Complex. The petals represent the efficiency of a flower - the symbol of an ideal built environment - place, water, energy, health and happiness, materials, equity and beauty. LBC is operated by the International Living Future Institute, a global nonprofit organization. To meet the challenge, the Summit Complex must be regenerative in nature. This means it must be self-sufficient and remain within the resource limits of its site; connect occupants to light, air, nature, community and food; and create a positive impact on the human and natural systems that interact with it.



[Part 1 - Our Road to Sustainability - Place](#)



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Be part of Pikes Peak forever. Give your family and friends something priceless - their name on America's Mountain - when you support the new Pikes Peak Summit Complex.

How Your Gift Helps

The new Summit Visitor Center is set to open June 24 (weather dependent). Generous donors have already contributed \$12.7 million, bringing us to more than 83 percent of our \$15 million fundraising campaign goal. Several opportunities remain to leave your own lasting legacy through sponsorships at the new Pikes Peak Summit Complex. For more information, send an email to:

Campaign.dl@coloradosprings.gov

Your gift will be used to help the Summit Complex reach "Living Building Challenge" certification, the world's most progressive environmental performance standard. Living Buildings safeguard the environment, preserve the surrounding habitat, and contribute to human health.

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2021 LOOK AHEAD FROM GE JOHNSON

Summer Look Ahead

LBC extends what place means into a built environment; a place that doesn't dominate, but that complements and emphasizes the natural landscape.

-- Jeffrey Hovermale, Green Team Leader United States Forest Service.

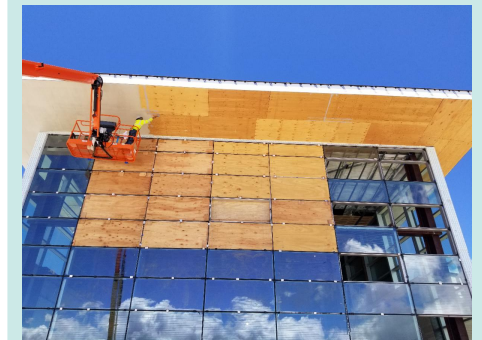
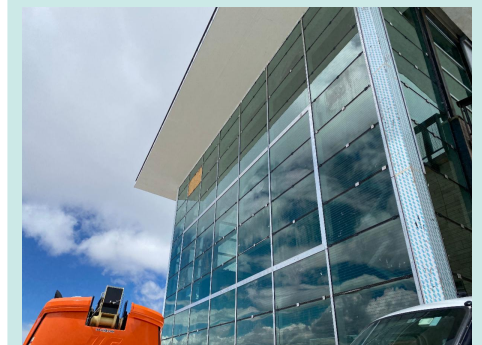


The new Pikes Peak Summit Visitor Center goes to great-and-unprecedented-lengths to conserve and create its own energy. See what techniques are used to power this incredible building!

[Part 3 - Our Road to Sustainability - Energy](#)

- Roof install to be completed in June
- Work to complete window systems, life-safety systems and exterior finishes
- Complete demo work on old summit house
- Project team working on completing punch list and finishes for grand opening date.
- Begin construction on the east overlook wall

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS



Pikes Peak Summit Visitor Center to open June 24



The new Pikes Peak Summit Visitor Center is on track to open on June 24, pending weather and final construction activity. The summit itself will reopen to visitors June 15 as previously announced. Until the new building opens, visitors will be able to access the exterior walkway and the new summit marker. The visitor center, which replaces the 1964 Summit House, has been under construction since June 2018.

"With the opening of the new Pikes Peak Summit Visitor Center, one of America's most famous mountains will have a summit facility worthy of its stature," said Mayor John Suthers. "Building at such a high altitude is a difficult undertaking, and I am proud of the vision and foresight that has created this very impressive, highly accessible and sustainable venue that blends so well into its natural environment. We look forward with great anticipation to providing visitors from all over the world a breathtaking new experience at the top of America's Mountain."

Local, state and U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service leaders will be present June 30 for an official ceremony to commemorate the opening of the new building, although the building itself will open to the public before that date. The co-hosted event will also recognize the 130th anniversary of The Broadmoor Manitou & Pikes Peak Cog Railway. The Cog Railway reopened May 20 to the public.

The new building will open in phases, so early visitors can expect to see final construction work taking place and finishing touches being made to the interpretive exhibits and signs when the building opens. Exterior site work is expected to last through September.

Know Before You Go: Summit parking limited through July

There will be very limited parking for guests while the final site work is completed from June 15 to the end of July. Construction could extend this timeline. Pikes Peak - America's Mountain is providing a 20% discount to highway guests during this time when summit access cannot be guaranteed. To help as many guests as possible reach the summit, most visitors will be required to board a free shuttle from Devils Playground, located at mile 16 on the 19-mile highway. Vehicles carrying persons with disabilities or young children in car seats may be permitted to drive to the summit if there is parking available. Only 35 parking spots will be available for visitors on the summit while this site work is underway.

Shuttles will run every 15-20 minutes. Guests should anticipate long wait times for the shuttle due to the limited service. Pets and bicycles are not allowed on the shuttle. The shuttle will not be available on June 17, July 13 and July 19. On these days, a limited number of guests will be

allowed to the summit based on parking capacity, others will only be allowed to Devils Playground. These summit parking spots will be first come, first served. Hikers should plan to hike to Devils Playground if they have coordinated a ride down from the summit.

As always, plan ahead and call 719-385-7325 for current highway conditions. Hours of operation and other information about the highway, can be found at PikesPeakColorado.com



Beloved high-altitude doughnuts get a reboot

By Sarah Kuta, Special to The Denver Post May 10, 2021



A 2009 photo of the famous high-altitude doughnuts made at the summit of Pikes Peak.
Photo courtesy of Erin Bibeau provided by City of Colorado Springs.

The recipe for the doughnuts made at the top of Pikes Peak is so important, so secret, so proprietary that it's kept in a safe. Employees who work anywhere near the doughnuts must sign a confidentiality agreement to ensure the recipe doesn't leave the property.

This spring, these beloved - and slightly mysterious - high-altitude treats are getting a reboot as part of a massive construction and renovation project at the mountain's 14,115-foot summit. When the new, 38,000-square-foot Pikes Peak Summit Complex opens this summer, it will do so with a brand new, eco-friendly doughnut machine. But don't worry. Though the doughnuts are getting a machinery upgrade, the new equipment shouldn't affect their flavor or texture.

"We'll find out," said Jack Glavan, manager of Pikes Peak-America's Mountain, a self-supporting enterprise of the City of Colorado Springs. "We hope not."

The new machine, made by Belshaw Adamatic, is so large - about 1,500 pounds, 92 inches tall and 84 inches wide - that crews had to bring it in early, then finish the building around it. "The doughnut machine was sitting in there for a very long time, and that's why we can joke that we built the building around the machine," Glavan said.

The new doughnut machine is just one piece of a much larger puzzle to make the new summit complex one of the most eco-friendly buildings in Colorado - and beyond.

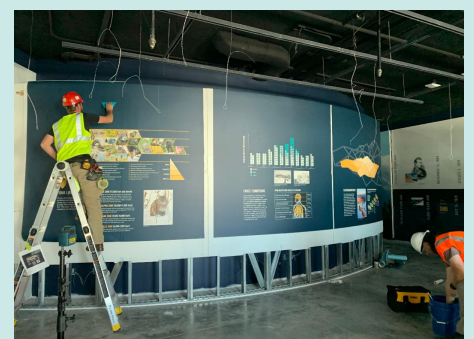
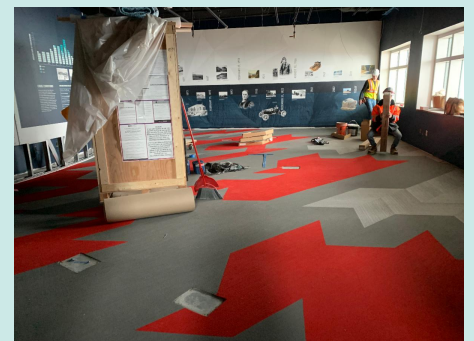
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Pikes Peak Visitor Center - Highest in the World?

By Jim Straub, long-time ambassador of Pikes Peak Summit

Thanks to the miners' slogan "Pikes Peak or Bust," Pikes Peak is probably the most well-known mountain in the United States. And thanks to its physical configuration and location, it is probably the most visited high mountain summit in the world. It was a sacred place to the native Americans, and a landmark for them and for many non-natives who began exploring the area some four hundred years ago. In July 1961 its upper 25 acres were officially declared a National Historic Landmark.

With conditional exceptions for Mount Bross, it is the highest summit in the world that can be reached by anyone who can ride in/on a vehicle or in a train coach, or who can walk or run long



distances. Note that "climbing" Pikes Peak does not require any "climbing gear."

So, would a summit complex on Pikes Peak be the highest visitor center in the world? The short answer is "yes."

[READ THE FULL ARTICLE of Pikes Peak Visitor Center - Highest in the World?](#)



Donut Machine



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